

Wings Over

Summer Tanager photo by Clare Bozell

Muscatatuck

Migratory Bird Festival

April 25-26, 2025

Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge,

Seymour, Indiana

Sponsored by Muscatatuck Wildlife Society

Schedule of Events

Friday, April 25

8 a.m. to Noon - Guided Birding Trip in Van on Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge - Advance registration is required and can be made by emailing donna_stanley@fws.gov.



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Saturday, April 26

7:30 a.m. - Morning Muffins - Continental breakfast outside Visitor Center.

8 a.m. to 10 a.m. - Morning Bird Hike - Birders of all abilities are invited for an easy bird identification walk. Meet at Visitor Center.

9 a.m. - Birdhouse

Building for Kids - Held outside the Visitor Center.

9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - Guided Tour of Muscatatuck Closed Area - Travel by van with a Refuge guide to the closed area. Bring binoculars. Space limited.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Native Plant Sale - Held outside the Visitor Center.



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9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Silent Auction - Held outside the Visitor Center.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Children's Activities - Includes scavenger hunt, migratory bird activities with Kirsten Carlson and face painting by Darnell Dukes (until 12:30 p.m.)

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Crane Program by Sam Urquidez, International Crane Foundation - Sam will talk about sandhill cranes, whooping cranes and the reintroduction program.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Watercolor Painting by Southern Indiana Center for the Arts - Create a nature-inspired painting with SICA teacher Silas Cheo. Materials provided. Donations accepted.

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10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Plein Air Painting - Observe artist and teacher Maureen O'Hara Pesta at work and learn about art created outdoors in natural light. Bring art supplies.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Lunch provided by Muscatatuck Wildlife Society - Meatball sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, soft drinks.

11 a.m.—Birds of Muscatatuck Photo Contest Winners Announced - Gift certificates given to winners.

11:10 a.m. - Bird Cake Walk - Here's your chance to win a delicious cake while listening to bird related music. Limited to one cake per family.

Noon to 1 p.m. - Wetland/Woods Walk with Dave Coppert - Short, easy hike.

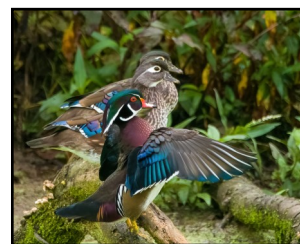


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12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. - Junior Duck Stamp Awards Ceremony - Muscatatuck hosts and manages the Indiana Junior Duck Stamp conservation art contest for students in grades K-12. State winners will receive their awards.

1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. - Hawks and Owls of Indiana - See and learn about Indiana's owls and hawks with Raptors Rise Rehabilitation Center, Bedford. Donations appreciated.

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. – Guided Tour of Muscatatuck Closed Area - Travel by van with a Refuge guide to the closed area. Bring binoculars. Space limited.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Muscatatuck Wildlife Society corporation is to improve the natural and cultural resources at MNWR; also to connect people of all ages to nature and history by providing education, outreach and wildlife recreational opportunities. The Wildlife Society focuses on raising funds and providing volunteers for Visitor Center staffing; work projects; education and outreach activities. Membership dues provide funding and help us to spread the news of Refuge happenings.



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